



2007 Australia
at a glance

economy

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

		2003-04	2004-05
Chain volume GDP and related measures ¹			
GDP	\$m	838 251	857 765
GDP	% change	4.0	2.3
GDP per capita	% change	2.8	1.2
Real net national disposable income ¹			
	% change	5.5	3.3
Multifactor Productivity			
– Market sector ²	% change	1.6	-1.7

¹Reference year for chain volume measures is 2003-04.

²Gross domestic product per combined unit of labour and capital.
Hours worked basis.

Average annual growth in volume GDP¹ 1996 to 2005

Australia	3.2	Japan	1.0
Canada	3.2	New Zealand	2.9
France	2.1	United Kingdom	2.5
Germany	1.3	United States of America	2.9
Italy	1.2		

¹Based on real gross domestic product for all countries other than Japan which is based on real gross national product.

Source: OECD, Quarterly National Accounts, vol. 2006/1.

CONSUMER PRICE & OTHER PRICE INDEXES¹

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
CPI, all groups	143.5	147.0	151.7
Stage of production (stage 3) ²	112.0	116.1	120.4
Export	102.5	116.4	136.0
Import	112.3	112.8	117.0
Output of general construction ²	121.1	130.2	136.5
Articles produced by manufacturing	130.4	139.3	149.4
Transport (freight) and storage ²	107.1	111.2	115.9
Property and business services ²	117.3	120.3	125.6

¹Unless otherwise specified, reference base year is 1989-90 = 100.0.

²Reference base year is 1998-99 = 100.0.

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

	2004-05	2005-06
	\$m	\$m
Total exports	126 823	151 792
Total imports	149 469	167 603

	2005-06	2005-06
	Exports	Imports
Major merchandise commodities	\$m	\$m
Food and live animals	19 227	5 920
Beverages and tobacco	2 984	1 127
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	33 990	1 974
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	38 882	21 600
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	320	414
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	6 605	18 474
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	14 898	18 439
Machinery and transport equipment	13 368	72 533
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4 577	22 145

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

	2004-05	2005-06
	\$m	\$m
Total exports of services	36 487	38 203
Freight	776	620
Other transport	7 298	7 693
Travel	19 068	20 099
Other services	9 345	9 791
Total imports of services	38 011	38 906
Freight	7 500	7 779
Other transport	5 703	5 949
Travel	14 585	14 678
Other services	10 223	10 500

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

	2004-05	2005-06
	\$m	\$m
Goods and services deficit	24 491	16 516
Income deficit	32 444	37 467
Current account deficit	57 355	54 420

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION

	2005 \$m	2006 \$m
Foreign investment in Australia	1 108 405	1 305 761
Australian investment abroad	604 661	764 892
Net foreign debt liability at 30 June	431 941	493 828
	2004-05 %	2005-06 %
Net foreign equity to GDP	8.0	5.0
Net foreign debt liability to GDP	48.3	52.2

FINANCE

	2004-05 \$m
All Australian Governments, general government	
Revenue	335 680
Expenses	316 260
Tax levied on income of individuals/enterprises	162 974
Tax levied on provision of goods and services	72 861
	2006 \$b
Financial institutions, financial assets 30 June	
Banks	1 423.5
Life insurance corporations	230.7
Pension funds	840.6
Other insurance corporations	117.2
Central borrowing authorities	112.0
Financial intermediaries n.e.c.	521.0
	2005-06 \$m
Financial institutions, lending commitments	
Housing finance	155 021
Personal finance	76 340
Commercial finance	363 003
Lease finance	6 848

people

DEMOGRAPHY

	2003 '000	2004 '000	2005 '000
Population at 30 June ¹	19 873	20 092	20 340
Births	251	254	260
Deaths	132	133	131
		2003-04 '000	2004-05 '000
Permanent and long-term arrivals		398	431
Permanent and long-term departures		299	307

POPULATION¹

30 June 2005

State/territory	Area sq km	'000	Capital city ²	'000
NSW	800 642	6 769	Sydney	4 255
Vic.	227 416	5 023	Melbourne	3 634
Qld	1 730 648	3 977	Brisbane	1 811
SA	983 482	1 542	Adelaide	1 129
WA	2 529 875	2 011	Perth	1 478
Tas.	68 401	486	Hobart	204
NT	1 349 129	203	Darwin	111
ACT	2 358	326	Canberra	325
Aust. ³	7 692 024	20 340		

¹Estimated resident population.

²Capital City Statistical Division.

³Includes Other Territories.

POPULATION OF SELECTED COUNTRIES

	million		2005 million
Australia	20.3	Japan	127.4
Canada	32.8	New Zealand	4.0
China	1 306.3	Papua New Guinea	5.5
India	1 080.3	United Kingdom	60.4
Indonesia	242.0	United States of America	295.7

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE¹

			2004
	%		%
Australia	5.5	New Zealand	3.9
Canada	7.2	United Kingdom	5.1
Japan	4.7	United States of America	5.5

¹Standardised using ILO/OECD definition.

LABOUR MARKET

		2004-05	2005-06
Annual averages			
Employed persons	'000	9 845	10 066
Unemployed persons	'000	546	540
Unemployment rate	%	5.3	5.1
Average weekly actual hours worked by full-time employed persons	hours	40.7	40.1
		2005	2006
Job vacancies, May	'000	137.8	152.0
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees, May	\$	1 058.50	1 088.30

EDUCATION PARTICIPATION

	2004	2005
	'000	'000
Government school students FTE ¹	2 260	2 256
Non-government school students FTE ¹	1 084	1 103
VET students – NCVER	1 595	1 641
Higher education students – DEST	945	957

¹Full-time students plus full-time equivalent of part-time students.

Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER);
Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST).

HEALTH EXPENDITURE

	2003-04	2004-05
	%	%
Total expenditure to GDP	9.4	9.8

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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industry

PRODUCTION AND GDP^{1,2}

	1994-95	2004-05
	\$m	\$m
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	16 401	25 362
Mining	27 573	35 707
Manufacturing	80 694	96 144
Electricity, gas and water supply	16 879	18 943
Construction	32 345	53 024
Wholesale trade	28 019	41 926
Retail trade	34 373	52 412
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	12 253	18 383
Transport and storage	25 130	38 701
Communication services	12 828	23 799
Finance and insurance	39 984	58 567
Property and business services ³	60 430	99 153
Government administration and defence	26 338	33 521
Education	30 438	36 987
Health and community services	34 388	51 793
Cultural and recreational services	8 105	11 736
Personal and other services	10 673	15 033
Gross domestic product	596 953	857 765

¹Industry gross value added at basic prices.

²Volume measures, reference year is 2003-04.

³Excludes ownership of dwellings.

AGRICULTURE

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Gross value of commodities produced	32 563	36 927	35 555
Crops	15 475	20 491	17 807
Livestock slaughtering etc.	10 676	10 896	12 030
Livestock products	6 412	5 541	5 717

BUILDING WORK DONE¹

	2004-05	2005-06
	\$m	\$m
New houses	21 237	20 852
Other new residential building	11 600	10 253
Alterations and additions	5 915	5 693
Non-residential building	19 848	22 094

¹Volume measures, reference year is 2004-05.

RETAIL TURNOVER¹

	2004-05	2005-06
	\$m	\$m
Food retailing	80 371	82 334
Department stores	16 283	16 305
Clothing and soft good retailing	13 242	14 002
Hospitality and services	31 832	33 091
Other retailing	59 508	60 357

¹Volume measures, reference year is 2004-05.

TOURISM

	2004	2005
Major source countries of short-term visitor arrivals	'000	'000
New Zealand	1 033	1 099
United Kingdom	676	708
Japan	710	686
United States of America	433	446
Short-term international visitor arrivals	5 215	5 497
Australians travelling abroad (number of departures)	4 369	4 754

REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES

	2004	2005
	'000	'000
Passenger vehicles	10 669	10 937
Light commercial vehicles, trucks, non-freight carrying trucks and buses	2 467	2 561
Motor cycles	396	422

environment

Australia comprises a land area of almost 7.7 million square kilometres. This land area is almost as great as that of the United States of America (excluding Alaska), about 50% greater than Europe (excluding the former USSR), and 32 times greater than the United Kingdom. The longest river is the Murray River (2,520 kilometres), which forms a natural border between NSW and Vic. The highest mountain is Mt Kosciuszko, (2,228 metres) which is situated in NSW.



CLIMATE

	Mean annual rainfall mm	Mean daily temperature			
		January		July	
		Max °C	Min °C	Max °C	Min °C
Sydney	1 276.5	26.1	19.4	17.2	8.6
Melbourne	654.4	25.8	15.4	13.9	6.8
Brisbane	1 194.0	29.2	21.2	20.6	9.5
Adelaide	563.0	28.7	16.8	15.2	7.4
Perth	745.3	31.9	17.2	17.9	8.4
Hobart	576.4	21.8	12.5	12.2	4.7
Darwin	1 847.1	31.8	24.8	30.7	19.4
Canberra	630.0	27.7	13.3	11.5	-0.1

Averages are for the period (1971-2000) except for Adelaide (1977-2000).
Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

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